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1. Oil Production.

a. The production figures published by the Hungarian Government for 1952 were grossly exaggerated. They were based on the planned production for 1952 and did not coincide with the true figures. For example, the borings carried out by the Ásványolaj és Mélyfúró Vállalat (Mineral Oil and Deep Boring Enterprise) at Nedasd, Nagylengyel, and Surd, (see attached sketch-map) have resulted in a daily output of slightly less than 20 cu. m. instead of the planned 30 cu. m.

b. In order to boost production a fresh contingent of Soviet engineers was drafted to the oilfields in the fall, 1952. ¹

2. Zala Oilfields.

80% of the bitumen produced in the Zala oilfields is now being sent to Rumania for the manufacture of an unspecified synthetic lubricating oil. Hungarian bitumen is reported to be more suitable for this purpose than Russian or Rumanian bitumen because of its higher melting point (50 - 53°C).

3. New Pipeline.

Oil produced in the Zala oilfield is sent to Budapest and Szőny by a pipeline. A new pipeline is shortly to be built to cope with the increase in output; its course will be the same as the one already in operation. ² The main construction offices are located in Nagykanizsa and Siofok. The pumping stations of the Ásványolajvezeték Vállalat (Mineral Oil Pipeline Enterprise) at Mezőszentgyörgy and Kápolnásnyék are also being enlarged.

4. Air Defense.

a. In order to protect the oilfields in the region south of Zalaegerszeg a large number of anti-aircraft emplacements have been constructed and occupied by AA units of the Hungarian Army. These AA units instruct selected personnel from the various enterprises (usually reliable members of the paramilitary Fighters of Freedom Association) in the use of the weapons. On completion of their training, the AA guns (37 and 85 mm.)

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are handed over to the air defense commander in each enterprise. ³

b. Training has already been carried out and completed at Ujudvár, Gelse, and Kútfej.

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1. As a result of various methods of forced working, e.g. artificial earthquakes, quick boring, etc., the gas-pressure in the Hungarian oilfields has been seriously reduced. Hungarian engineers have been held responsible for "sabotage" and the ultimate aim is to have the oil production entirely in Russian hands.

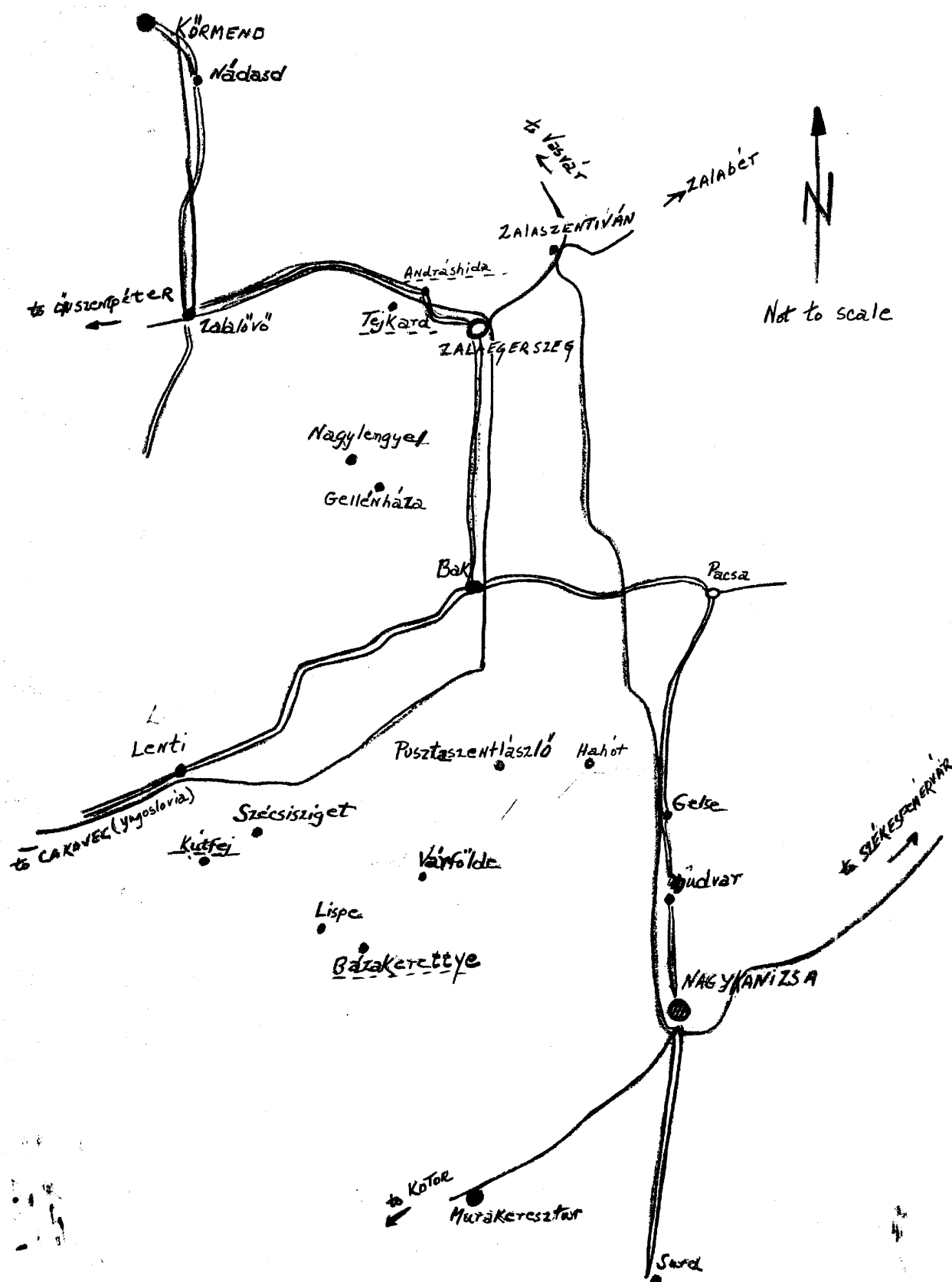
2. The course of the present pipeline is as follows: Ujudvár, Nagykanizsa, Siofok, Lepsény, Kapolnasnyek, Budapest, and Szöny.

3. The following anti-aircraft installations are known:

a. Lenti	12 AA guns, 37 mm.
b. Szécsi Sziget	12 " " , 37 "
c. Murakeresztur	8 " " , 85 "
d. Zalaegerszeg	16 " " , 85 "
e. Várköld	6 " " , 37 "
f. Gelse	4 to 6 " " , 37 "
g. Budafapuszta	4 to 6 " " , 37 "

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Zala Oilfields in Hungary



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